

MINIMALLY INVASIVE GLAUCOMA SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND METHOD

Abstract of the Disclosure

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A *Surgical instrument*

~~A~~ ~~Apparatus~~ and methods for the treatment of glaucoma are provided. The instrument uses either cauterization, a laser to ablate, sonic or ultrasonic energy to emulsify, or mechanical cutting of a portion of the trabecular meshwork. The instrument may also be provided with irrigation, aspiration, and a footplate. The footplate is used to enter Schlemm's canal, serves as a guide, and also protects Schlemm's canal.

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